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Robbinsdale man pleads guilty to distributing ecstasy

A 28-year-old Robbinsdale man pled guilty earlier today in federal court to distributing 4,000 tablets of the semisynthetic psychedelic drug MDMA, commonly known as ecstasy. Appearing before United States District Court Judge Joan Ericksen in Minneapolis, Thongsay Prommachai pleaded guilty to one count of distribution of ecstasy. He was indicted on November 10, 2009.

In his plea agreement, Prommachai admitted that on October 15, 2009, he distributed the ecstasy tablets, which totaled 1,000 grams. An Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit states that in October 2009, agents learned Prommachai was selling ecstasy. As a result, they arranged for a controlled buy of the drug from him. That transaction occurred on October 15, in the parking lot of a Cub Foods store in Crystal. There, authorities observed Prommachai arrive at the lot. Then, they saw him leave his vehicle and get into another one, where he handed the person inside a bag containing the ecstasy. At that point, authorities moved in and arrested him.

Proomachai faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison for his crime. Judge Ericksen will determine his sentence at a future date.

This case is the result of an investigation by the FBI and the St. Paul Police Department. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christian S. Wilton.